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Remarks

Claims 1-186 were pending in the subject application. By this amendment applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-21 and 24-186 and added new claims 187-189. Consequently, claims 5, 11, 12, 22, 23 and 187-189 are currently pending.

The subject application claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 09/728,229, filed December 1, 2000. U.S. Application No. 09/728,229 was allowed on December 10, 2003 and the issue fee was paid on March 9, 2004. However, the patent has not yet issued. Consequently, U.S. Application No. 09/728,229 is copending with this divisional and this divisional is being timely filed.

Applicants have amended the specification to incorporate the amendments made in U.S. Application No. 09/728,229 and to insert reference to the prior application.

Support for new claims 187-189 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally filed, on page 25, line 19 to page 20, line 8.